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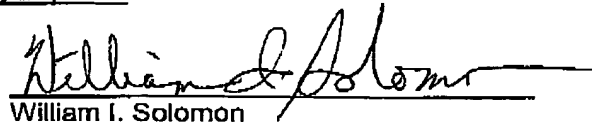
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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the attached **RESPONSE (3 pages) and COPY OF SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (21 pages) AND COPY OF POSTCARD RECEIPT EVIDENCING FILING OF MARCH 1, 2004** for entry in the above-noted application.

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Applicants: A. NAGAI, et al.

Application No.: 10/724,092

Filed: December 1, 2003

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DEVICE, AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
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January 21, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims, that is, claims 1-16 and 19-24, which the Examiner contends is drawn to a circuit tape, for prosecution on the merits in the present application.

It is noted that in the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-24 are pending in the application. However, attention is respectfully directed to the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submitted March 1, 2004, in the above-identified application. A copy of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, with original signature thereon, is enclosed herewith, together with a postcard receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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acknowledging receipt of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. In this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, various of the claims were amended, claim 12 was cancelled, and new claims 25-33 were added to the application. Of these newly added claims, claims 25-29 were directed to a circuit tape; claims 30 and 31 were directed to a method of manufacturing circuit tape; and claims 32 and 33 were directed to an adhesive film.

Noting the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that claims 25-29, 32 and 33 should be included in the elected group of claims, and that claims 30 and 31 should be grouped with the non-elected method claims.

Note that the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was filed within three months of the filing of the above-identified application. Clearly, the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment must be entered, prior to examination of the above-identified application.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed March 1, 2004; and, subsequent thereto, examination on the merits of the Group I claims as listed in the Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, and including claims 25-29, 32 and 33 from the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submitted March 1, 2004, are respectfully requested.

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No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 503.35443CC4) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 1, 2004

Sir:

Supplementing the Preliminary Amendment filed November 26, 2003, please
further amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set
forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.

